SUBJECTS.

159. *Boundary marks for Porumbokes.*

Mr. Padmanabha Pillai (Member, Karunagapalli Taluk) requested that boundary marks might be erected to distinguish backwater and other Porumbokes and a notification published in the Government Gazette.

Dewan's reply.—Will be considered.

The same member also requested—

160. *Refund of Vilayarthom realized on Viruthi lands in Karunagapalli Taluk.*

that *Vilayarthoms* already realized on *Viruthi* lands in the Taluk of Karunagapalli might be refunded, or if that be impracticable, the lands thus enfranchised might be registered as Jenmom lands and a light tax imposed on them, or that the *Viruthicars* might be allowed to enjoy the lands on payment of the pattom assessment *minus* the interest on the money paid by them as *Vilayarthom*.

161. *Opening special schools for Malayala Brahmins.*

Mr. Kandan Parameswaran Tantri of Chengannur (Member, Nominated) advocated the establishment of special schools for the education of Malayala Brahmin youths. The Malayala Brahmins, he said, are backward in respect of education and according to their caste rules, they are prevented from studying in the public schools till they attain the age of sixteen.

Mr. Neelacundan Namburipad of Changanacheri (Member, Nominated) supported the representation.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

162. *Framing of rules for the construction of houses in Towns.*

Mr. Nowrojee Pestoniee Narielwalla (Member, Town Improvement Committee, Alleppey) requested that definite rules might be framed for regulating the construction of dwelling-houses in Towns. The Municipal authorities should draw up plans of houses and they should be empowered to see that houses are built according to those plans, so far as light, ventilation and sanitary requirements are concerned.

The same member represented, on behalf of Mr. G. H. Davey (Member, Merchants of Alleppey) —

163. *Levy of stamp duty on bills of exchange, &c.*

(1) That it was unfair that they had to pay stamp duty on bills of exchange &c., negotiated in British India when they were used in transactions in Travancore: and

164. *Non-acceptance of currency notes in Customs offices.*

(2) That the non-acceptance of currency notes by the Customs and other Public offices caused the merchants inconvenience and difficulty.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

165. *Reduction of mel-labhom on tobacco.*

Mr. Atchuthan Pillai (Member, Alengad Taluk) said that the price of Coimbatore tobacco was higher in Travancore than in Cochin and that it encouraged smuggling and caused loss to Government and the people. He requested the reduction of *mél-labhom* on tobacco.

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